Illinois Commerce Commission Pipeline Safety Pipeline Safety Report

Inspection #: 2015-P-00393

Operator: AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY	Operator ID#: 32513					
Exit Meeting Contact: Chris Juliusson	Total Man Days: 5					
Pipeline Safety Representative(s): Jim Watts, Bryan Pemble						
Company Representative to Receive Report: Michael Fuller	Emailed Date:					
Company Representative's Email Address: mfuller2@ameren.com	12/16/2015					

Inspection Summary

Inspection Type	Location	ICC Analyst	Inspection Unit(s)	Man Day(s)	Inspection Date(s)	Contact(s)
Standard Inspection - Record Audit	Jacksonville	Jim Watts, Bryan Pemble	Jacksonville	5	11/12/2015,	Chris Juliusson, John Bozarth, Rodger Camerer

Statement of Activities

On November 10, 12, and 13, 2015, Staff conducted a review of the records maintained at the Ameren Illinois Jacksonville Service Area Headquarters. The audit included a review of all records from 2013, up to and including November of 2014. The 2013-2014 records were maintained on paper in the Gas Compliance system up to November of 2014. A new compliance system was initiated at that point which allows for all inspections and records to be maintained in the new compliance system. The audit was conducted to determine compliance with applicable IL Adm. Codes and the Code of Federal Regulations adopted via IL Adm. Part 590. The audit included a review of company documents regarding the specific code sections as identified on the attached inspection form.

Exit Statement

INSPECTION FINDINGS

Standard Inspection - Record Audit

Issues(s) Found:

2015-S001-00044 (Code Part [192.603(b)][192.625(e)]) - Staff observed issues with the Alsey and Murrayville bypass odorizers which indicated lbs/MMCF levels above the maximum of 1.25 lbs as currently indicated in their O&M Odorization procedures. During the review Staff observed levels being calculated up to 5 lbs/MMCF on these bypass odorizers. Review of monthly odorometer tests did not indicate high levels of odorization and there were no indications of increases in leak reports being received from their customers. The issue that Staff has is the odorometer tests utilized to determine if over odorization was present were not performed at the time the high levels of odorant usage was detected. Due to this, Staff is unable to determine if over odorization was actually taking place at the time it was detected. Staff suggests as part of the corrective action that should be taken when high odorization levels are detected, include conducting an odorometer survey at the time the high levels of odorant usage are detected to determine if over odorization is actually occurring or it is an issue with the level measurement device on the bypass odorizer. Ameren provided Staff with a revised O&M procedure for odorization that will be released in January of 2016. This revision addresses this issue but is not currently an active procedure. The revised procedure requires initiation of an odorometer survey, making changes to the odorizer setting, flaring over odorized gas and perform increased inspections on the odorizer to view usage and possible detect intermittent issues using more frequent inspections.

Notice Of Amendment(s) Found:

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[NO NOAS FOUND]

Notice Of Violation(s) Found:

2014-V002-00030 (Code Part [192.603(b)][192.723(b)(1)]) - Due to a scale change in the business district maps utilized in 2014 for Jacksonville, Illinois, there were two segments of main and service lines that were indicated and surveyed in 2013 that were not included on the 2014 maps utilized to conduct the business district leak surveys thus were not surveyed in 2014. The first location was at Chambers Street and S. Diamond and the second was a segment of main and one service line on Stevenson Drive North of Morton Avenue. Further review of these segments observed that they were included and leak surveyed during the 2015 Business District Survey.

PAST INSPECTION FINDINGS

Issue(s) Corrected:

[NO ISSUES CORRECTED]

Notice Of Amendment(s) Corrected:

[NO NOAS CORRECTED]

Notice of Violations(s) Corrected:

[NO NOPVS CORRECTED]

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